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Design Corner:

There have never been as many choices as there are now in decorative tiles for kitchen backsplashes. Here are two different approaches in Wood Wise remodeling projects, both resulting in beautiful kitchens.

Bring in More Sun

by Hank Wall, President of Wood Wise Design & Remodeling

In thirty years as a remodeler I have walked through thousands of homes.

Homeowners showed me their houses in hopes of having me fix their

problems. Laundry room clutter, bad kitchen layout, dark interiors...I have seen the flaws in houses from Boston to Raleigh.



Some of the homes I have visited were architecturally outstanding, designer homes with wonderful appeal in which the owners were adding new features. Many of these attractive homes had unique windows and more glass overall.

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Homes with unique windows are a breed apart aesthetically. Big glass. High on the wall glass. Glass on three walls. Clusters of windows.

Most homes suffer from inadequate sunlight. Too little natural light depresses people and I predict some future science of happiness will tell us to get more light into our homes. What steps can you take to let in the sun?

- Add windows, particularly larger windows with large expanses of glass.
- Add Velux skylights and Solatubes.
- Install transom windows above 5' for sunlight, view of the sky and visual privacy.
- Remove curtains and blinds that block your view and restrict light from coming into your home.



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People on vacation enjoy the sun. They fly to sunny destinations in winter to brighten their spirits. Vacationers enjoy meals outdoors. Vacations boost our morale and increased sunlight is a key ingredient of a feel-good getaway. Add some windows to your home and feel good all the time.



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